The State of the Opioid Crisis

#1 Prescription Opioids have flooded Central Florida/Florida.

#2 Illicit Fentanyl is rampant in communities around Florida.

#3 Naloxone (Narcan) is being distributed and saving lives in record numbers.

How Do We Help?

#4 Treatment Availability
Treatment options, including behavioral health, are limited, and many programs do not focus on the unique harm reduction needs of those with Opioid Use Disorder.

#5 Medication Assisted Treatment
Medication Assisted Treatment is the “gold standard” for treating Opioid Use Disorder and is a combination of medication and counseling/behavioral health therapy.

#6 Children-The Silent Victims
Children exposed to opioids in-utero are born withdrawing and can have long term implications.

#7 Opioid Reductions
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#8 Technology & Innovation
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#9 Workplace Engagement
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#10 Criminal Justice
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Where Do We Go From Here?

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